

THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!



Archie
ADVENTURE
SERIES

NO. 72 US \$1.79
JULY CAN \$1.99



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

**HA HA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
HA HA HA**



SPAZ HARO

THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR A HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

SAY...WHAT GIVES WITH THIS GIZMO, NATE? ALL I SEE IS A SCREEN FULL O' STATIC!

I, ROBOTNIK!

BONK
BONK
BONK

Brought to you in
SHELL-O-VISION
by

KARL BOLLERS - WRITER STEVEN BUTLER - PENCILER
PAMEKLUND - INKER JP\$ - LETTERER FRANK GAGLIARDO - COLORIST
J.F. GABRIE - EDITOR
VICTOR GORELICK - MANAGING EDITOR
RICHARD GOLDWATER - EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

OF COURSE YOU DO, SONIC...

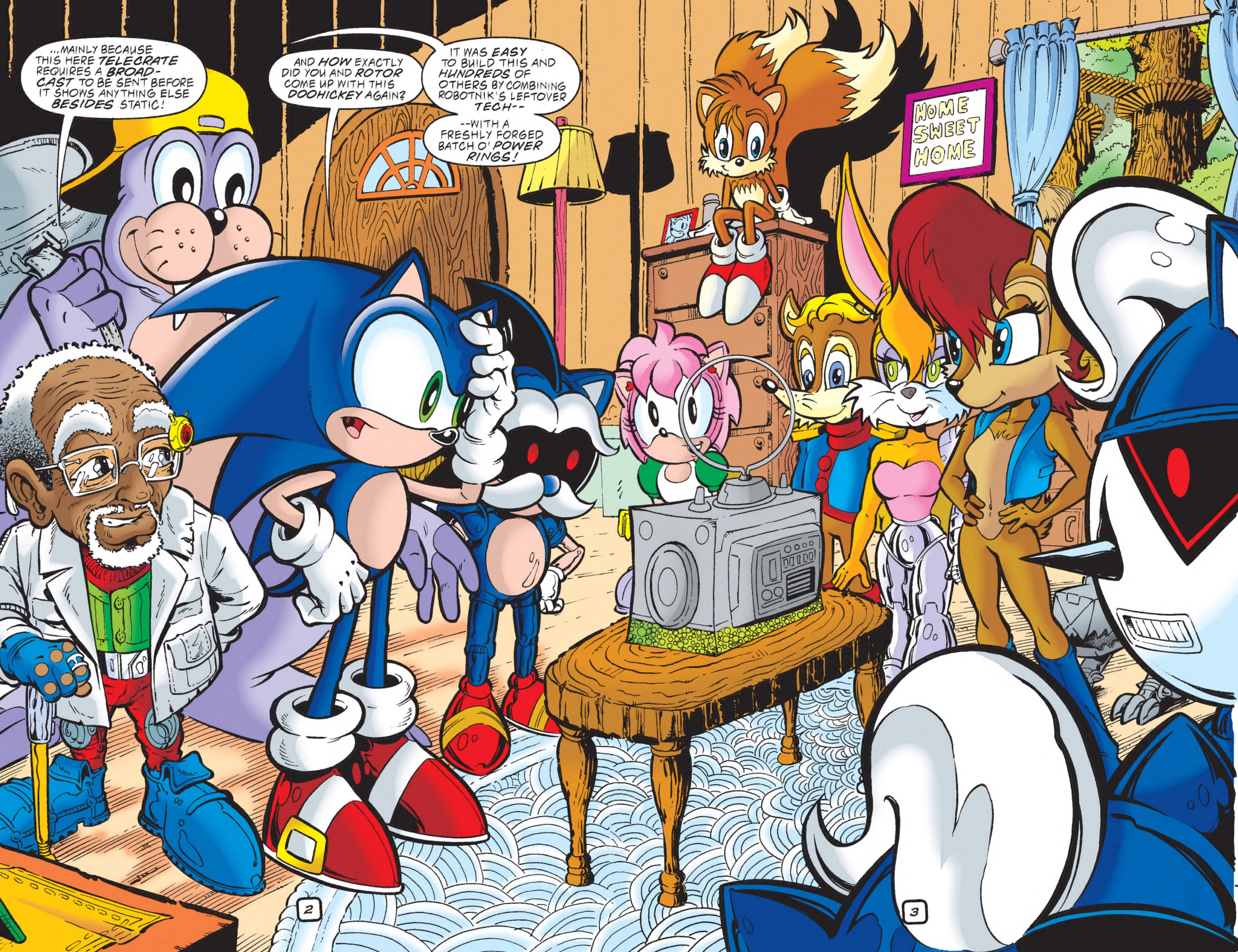
...MAINLY BECAUSE THIS HERE TELECRATE REQUIRES A BROADCAST TO BE SENT BEFORE IT SHOWS ANYTHING ELSE BESIDES STATIC!

AND HOW EXACTLY DID YOU AND ROTOR COME UP WITH THIS DOOHICKEY AGAIN?

IT WAS EASY TO BUILD THIS AND HUNDREDS OF OTHERS BY COMBINING ROBOTNIK'S LEFTOVER TECH--

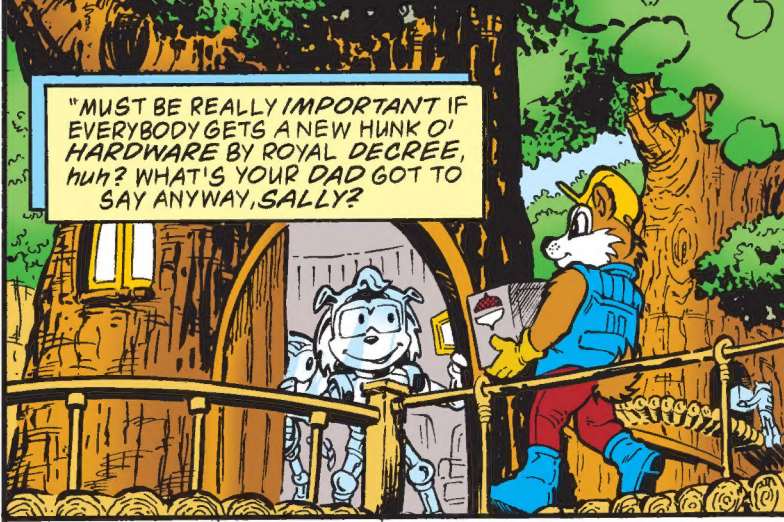
--WITH A FRESHLY FORGED BATCH O' POWER RINGS!

HOME SWEET HOME





OTHERWISE, HOW WOULD ALL THE CITIZENS IN THIS--THE KINGDOM OF ACORN--SEE AND HEAR KING MAX'S ADDRESS LATER ON THIS EVENING?

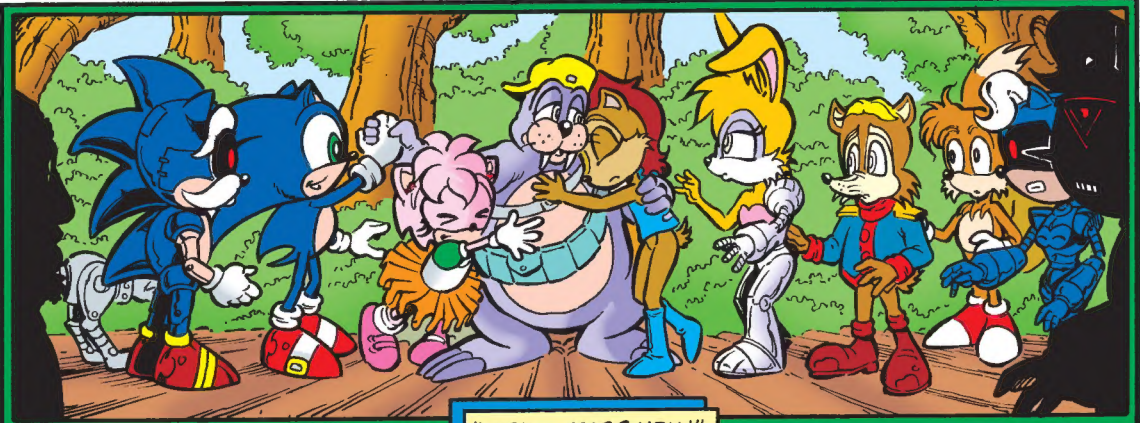
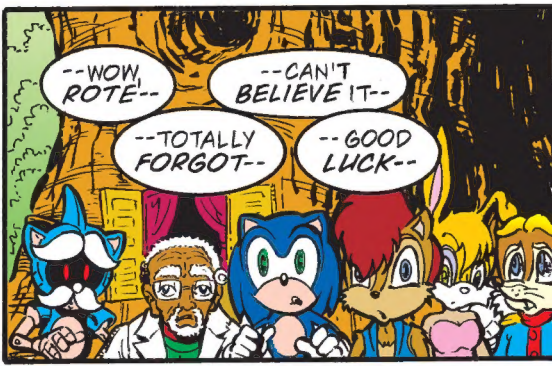


EVEN I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE, SONIC-- I ONLY KNOW THAT I HAVE TO BE BACK AT THE CASTLE BY THE TIME HE SAYS IT!

Uhh... GUYS?

WELL, NOW THAT MY WORK WITH MR. MORGAN IS OVER, I FIGURED NOW WAS THE TIME TO GO SEARCHIN' FOR MY FOLKS.

THE LAST I SAW OF 'EM, THEY WERE BEIN' MIND CONTROLLED BY ROBOTNIK UP IN THE ARCTIC.*



"WE'LL MISS YOU!!"

LATER AT CASTLE ACORN...

SALLY!
UNCLE NATE!

HI, DADDY--
WE'RE BACK FROM
THE VILLAGE!
WOW! WOULD
YOU JUST LOOK
AT THIS
PLACE!

LOOK INDEED
--IT'S LIKE THE
GREAT WAR
JUST BROKE OUT
IN MY THRONE
ROOM!

NEVER YOU MIND, MAX, OLD
FRIEND--ALL OF THE TELE-
CRATES HAVE BEEN *DISTRIB-*
UTED THROUGHOUT THE
LAND.

NOW YOUR
SUBJECTS SIT
AT HOME AWAITING
YOUR ANNOUNCE-
MENT...TODAY
IS A GREAT
DAY!

FATHER--WHAT
EXACTLY DO YOU
INTEND TO TELL
THE POPULACE?

WELL, ELIAS, I NEED TO
INFORM THEM OF THE MYSTERIOUS
ILLNESS THAT KEEPS YOUR
MOTHER--*QUEEN ALICIA*--IN
A PERPETUAL STATE OF
SLUMBER...

...AND OF SONIC
AND TAILS'S SUCCESS IN
DEFEATING THE SORCEROUS
*IXIS NAUGHS.**

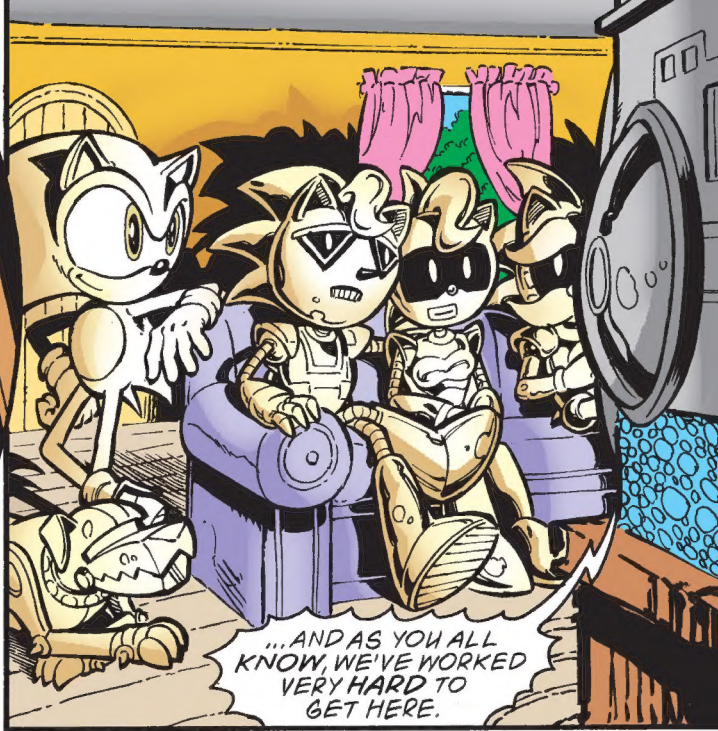
*Read ish
64-66 if
you haven't
already-JFG

ALL RIGHT!
TAKE YOUR PLACES,
PEOPLE...

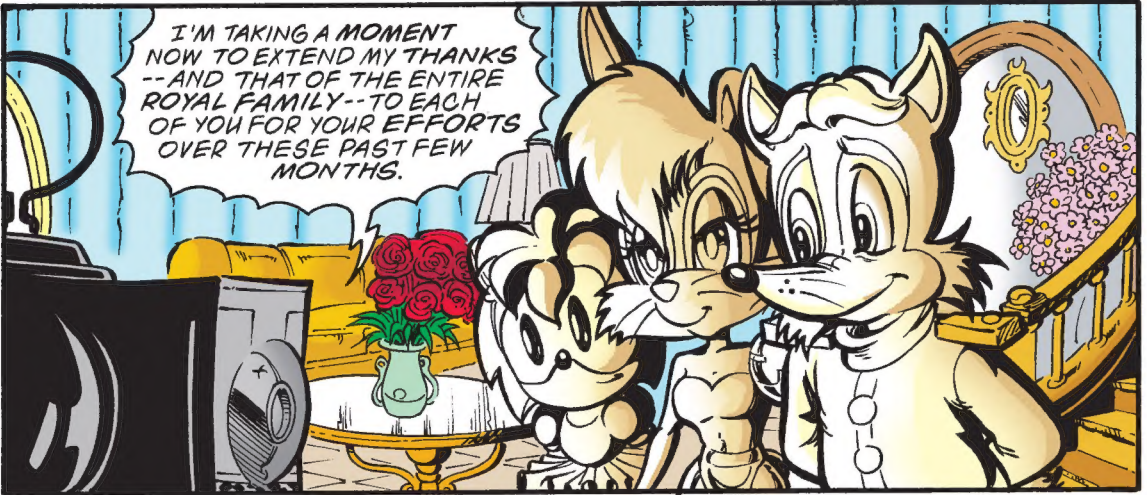
LIGHTS!
CAMERA!
ACTION!



"GOOD EVENING, KINGDOM OF ACORN
-- THIS IS KING MAXIMILLIAN
ACORN! IT'S BEEN A LONG AND
WINDING ROAD TO THE RESTORATION
OF OUR BEAUTIFUL MOBOTROPOLIS..."



... AND AS YOU ALL
KNOW, WE'VE WORKED
VERY HARD TO
GET HERE.

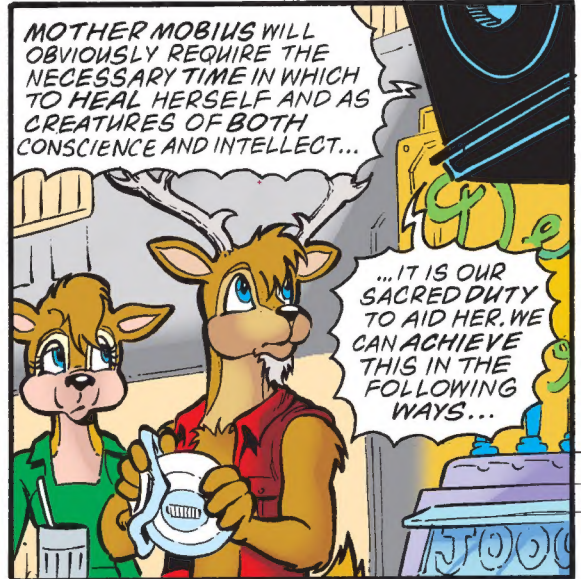


I'M TAKING A MOMENT
NOW TO EXTEND MY THANKS
-- AND THAT OF THE ENTIRE
ROYAL FAMILY -- TO EACH
OF YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS
OVER THESE PAST FEW
MONTHS.



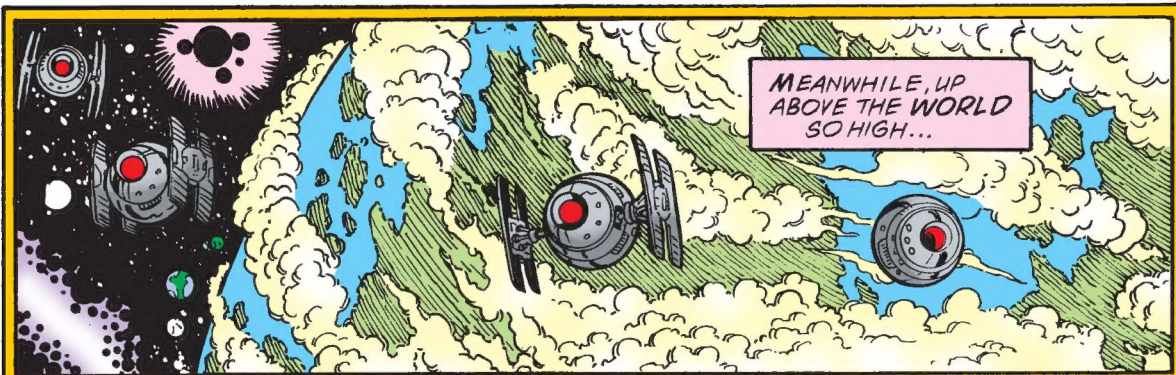
BUT, ALTHOUGH WE'VE
MANAGED TO CLEAN UP OUR
CITY OUTWARDLY, ROBOTNIK'S
FACTORIES HAVE AFFECTED
ITS ECOSYSTEM ON A FAR
DEEPER LEVEL.

I HAD UMA
STEAL ONE OF THESE
BOXES, FOR THIS!?!
YOU'VE GOT TO
BE KIDDING!

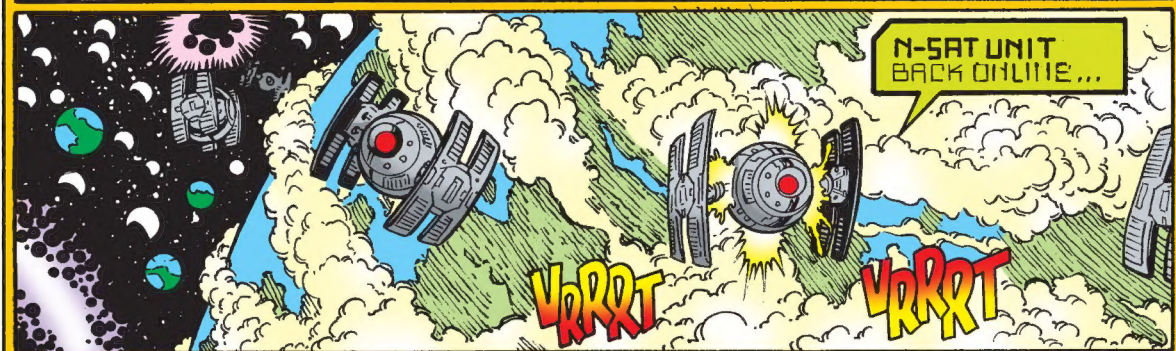


MOTHER MOBIUS WILL
OBVIOUSLY REQUIRE THE
NECESSARY TIME IN WHICH
TO HEAL HERSELF AND AS
CREATURES OF BOTH
CONSCIENCE AND INTELLECT...

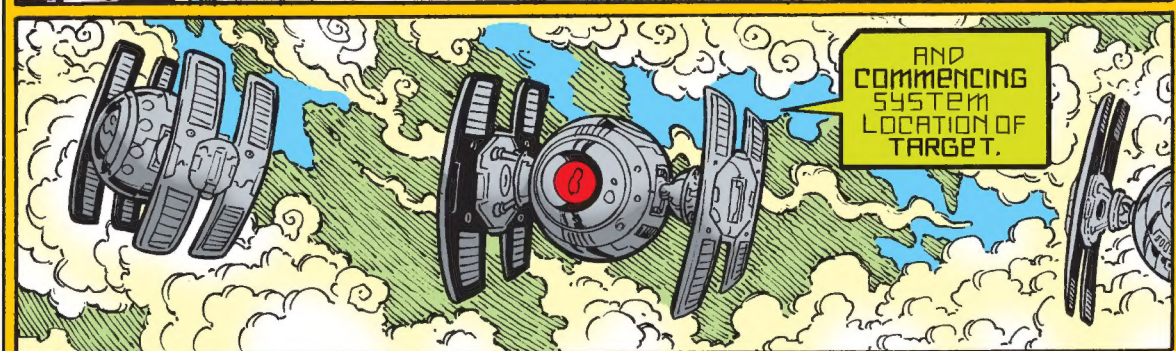
... IT IS OUR
SACRED DUTY
TO AID HER. WE
CAN ACHIEVE
THIS IN THE
FOLLOWING
WAYS...



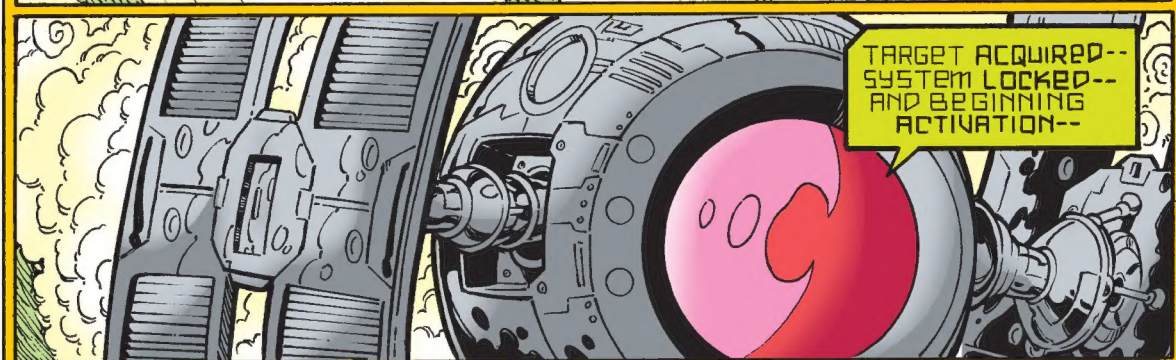
MEANWHILE, UP ABOVE THE WORLD SO HIGH...



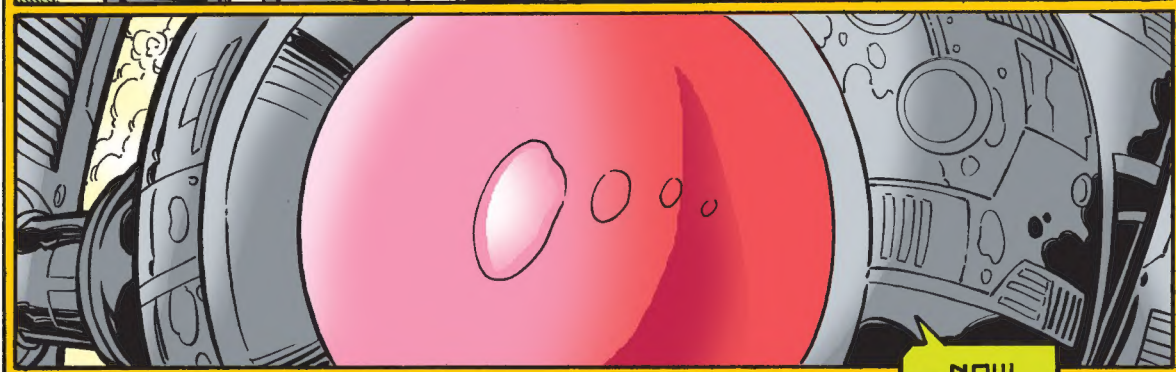
N-SAT UNIT BACK ONLINE...



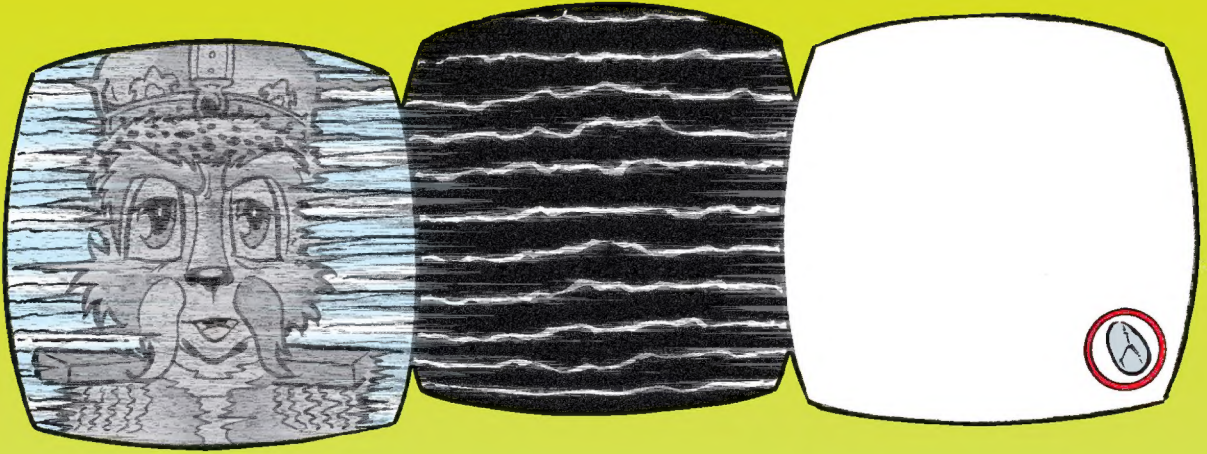
AND COMMENCING SYSTEM LOCATION OF TARGET.



TARGET ACQUIRED--
SYSTEM LOCKED--
AND BEGINNING ACTIVATION--



--NOW.

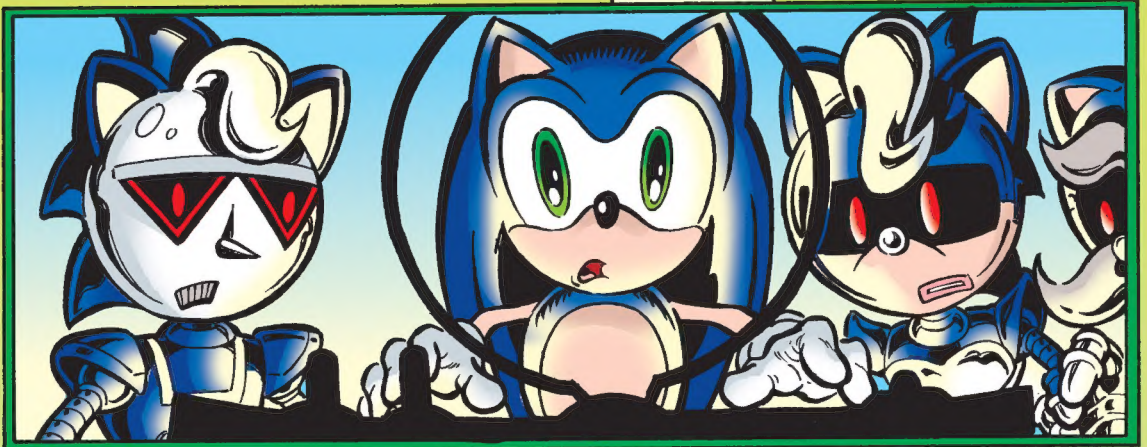


"... A NEW GOLDEN AGE IN WHICH =SQWAAAK= HOPE TO =SQWAAAK="

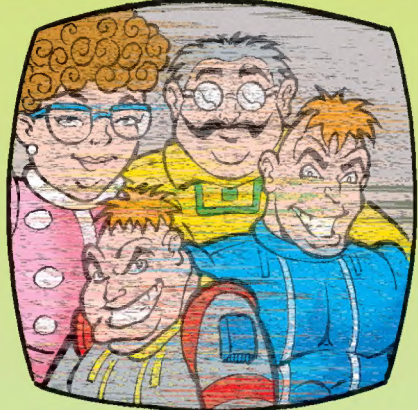
...

"K-BOT PRESENTS, FOR THE FIRST AND ONLY TIME, THE ILLUSTRIOUS BIOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD-RENOWNED SUPER-SCIENTIST KNOWN TO ANY NIT-WIT WITH HALF A BRAIN CELL AS...
DOCTOR ROBOTIK--
THE GREATEST OVERLANDER* WHO EVER LIVED!

*Human - JFG



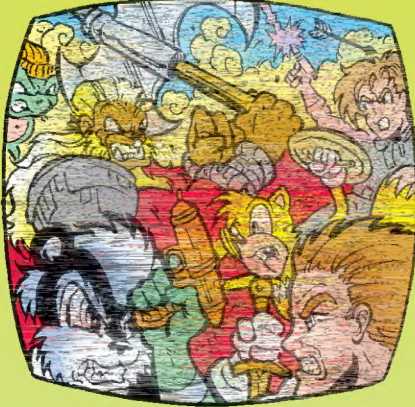
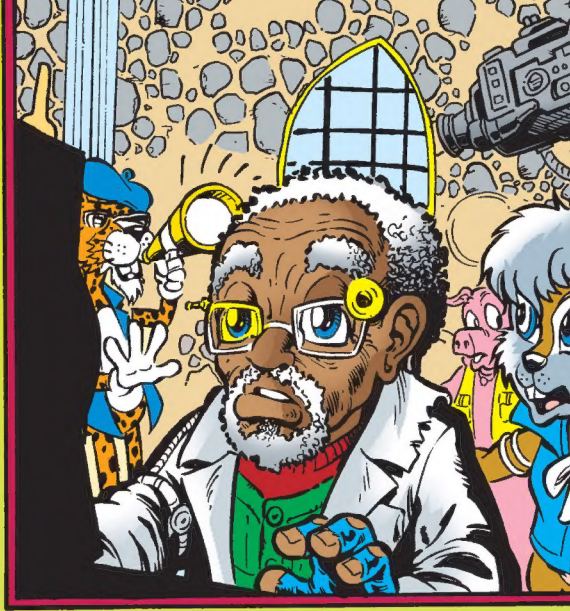
"BORN INTO THE PRESTIGIOUS HOUSE OF IVO IN THE YEAR-- WELL, Er... LET'S NOT DISCUSS WHAT YEAR IT WAS-- JULIAN KINTOBOR WAS OBVIOUSLY DESTINED TO MAKE A LASTING IMPRESSION.



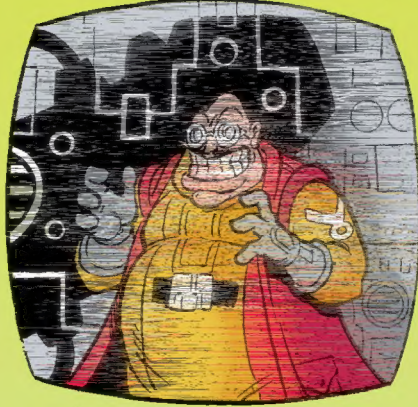
"JULIAN WAS THE SOLE SON IN THE KINTOBOR CLAN TO BE BLESSED BY AN ASTOUNDING INTELLECT... A BROADER BRAIN CAPACITY... AND-- (BY THE BY, HE ALSO HAD AN ANNOYING BROTHER NAMED COLIN)."



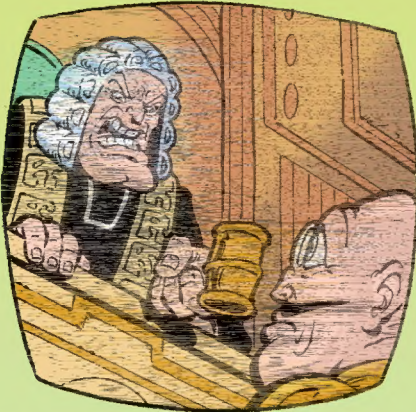
"ANYWAY... AS THE YEARS WENT ON, HIS BODY GREW TO MATCH HIS VAST I.Q. AND--AS A YOUNG MAN--HE BECAME ASSISTANT TO A LOCAL GEO-PHYSICIAN IN THE CITY OF MEGAPOLIS--A NATHANIEL-SOMEBODY-OR-THE-OTHER. THOUGH IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE JULIAN HIMSELF WAS IN CHARGE OF THE LAB!



"THEN--OUT OF NOWHERE--THE FLEA-BITTEN, FURRY INHABITANTS THE OVERLANDERS WERE FORCED TO SHARE THE PLANET WITH... BEGAN THE GREATEST WAR EVER SEEN (I FORGET THE NAME OF IT...)!"



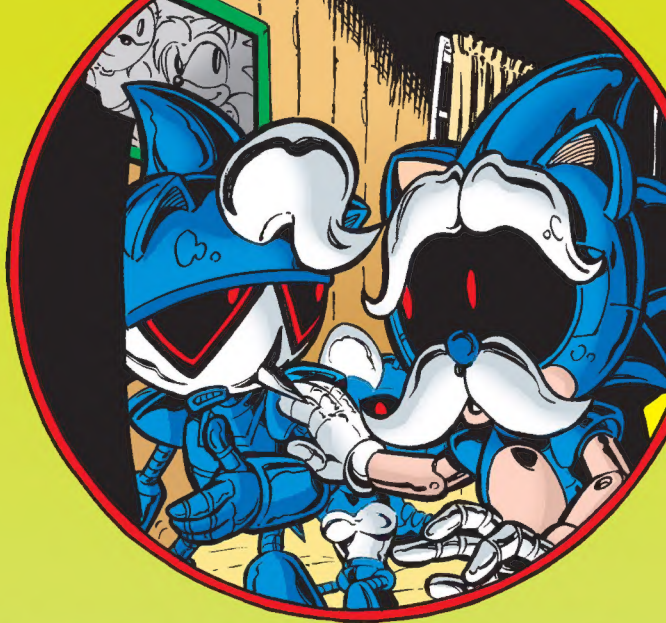
"THE MINISTRY OF CONFLICT CALLED UPON EVERY GENIUS IN MEGAPOLIS TO DEVISE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. JULIAN DID BETTER--HE CREATED A DEVICE CALLED THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR! ALL THAT WAS NEEDED TO POWER IT WAS A RARE MINERAL ORE..."



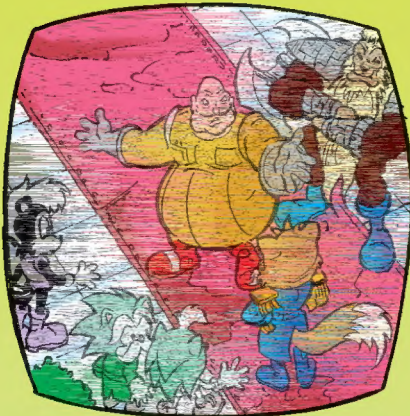
"...THAT WAS NEVER RECEIVED. INSTEAD OF PRAISING THE MISUNDERSTOOD INTELLECTUAL--COLIN KINTOBOR, NOW MINISTER OF JUSTICE--FOOLISHLY PUNISHED HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS (COME ON... WAS IT REALLY SO BAD THAT JULIAN HAD INTENDED TO USE HIS OWN PEOPLE AS TEST SUBJECTS FOR THE GHASTLY GADGET?)."



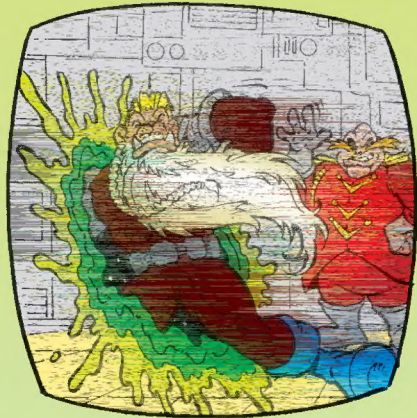
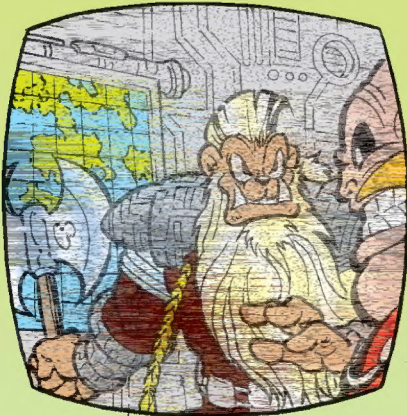
"RATHER THAN ENDURING THE TEN-YEAR IMPRISONMENT TO WHICH HIS TRAITOROUS BROTHER HAD SENTENCED HIM, JULIAN USED HIS CUNNING TO EFFECT A HEROIC ESCAPE BEYOND THE MOBIAN BADLANDS..."



"...WHERE HE WAS FOUND BY TWO MOBIAN SAVAGES. THEY DIDN'T DO HIM ANY HARM-- THEY WERE HEDGEHOGS-- NO REAL THREAT! AS A MATTER OF FACT...

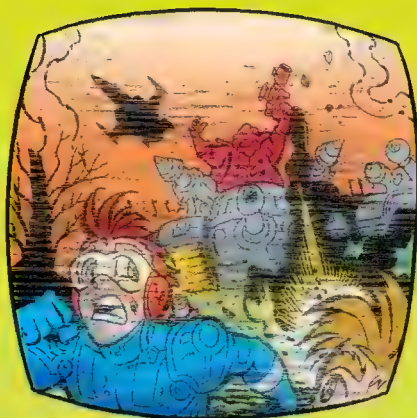


"...THEY TOOK HIM TO THEIR LEADER-- KING MAX! NOW HERE WAS A SUCKER WHO COULD SPOT GREATNESS IN A SPLIT-SECOND. IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE OL' MAXIE PRACTICALLY HANDED OVER CONTROL OF HIS REALM TO JULIAN!

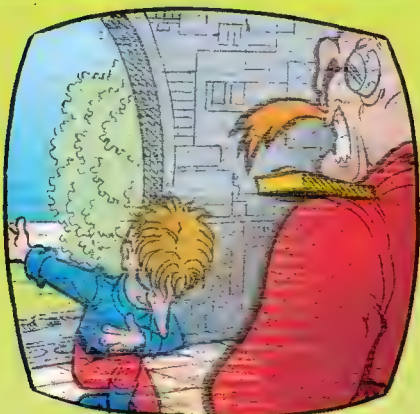


"FIRST THAT WASH-UP OF A WARLORD-- KODOS-- WAS ORDERED TO INSTRUCT THE NEW ARRIVAL IN THE ART OF WARFARE. AFTER ALL, WHO KNEW THE OVERLANDERS' WEAKNESSES BETTER THAN JULIAN?

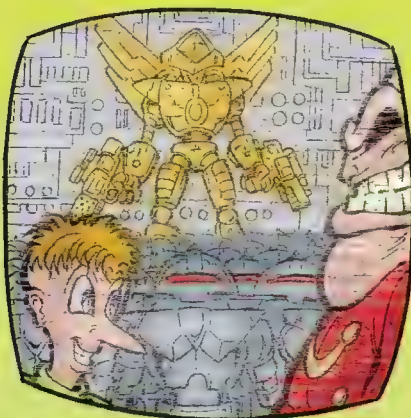
"AND SECOND, IT WAS JULIAN WHO REPLACED KODOS AFTER LEARNING EVERYTHING HE HAD TO TEACH. GO AHEAD AND ASK YOURSELVES-- WASN'T HE THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB?"



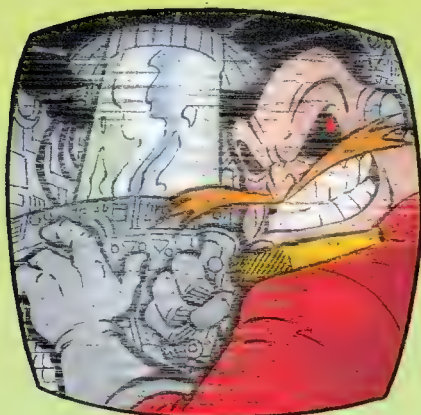
"FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE INFERIOR MOBIAN GROUND TROOPS HAD THE NECESSARY BRAINS AND BRAWN REQUIRED TO SHIFT THE WAR IN MOBOTROPOLIS' FAVOR."



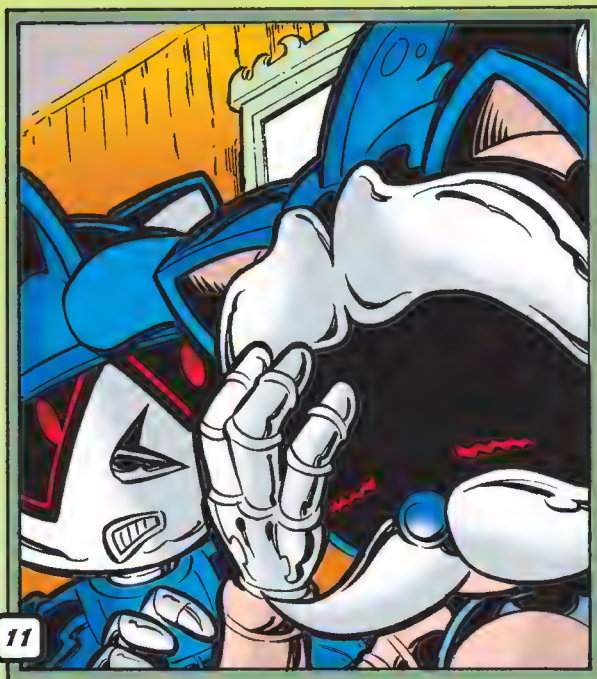
"DAYS LATER, JULIAN'S DIM-WIT NEPHEW--SNIVELY--ARRIVED AT THE WAR MINISTRY BUILDING TO PLEDGE HIS ALLEGIANCE TO HIS UNCLE."

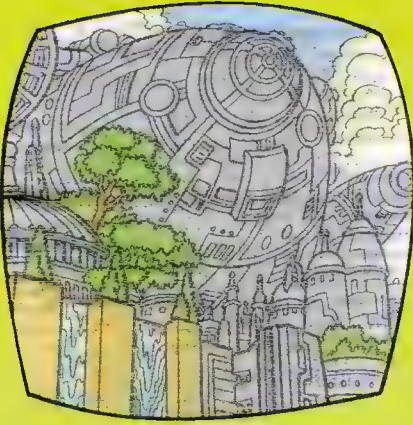


"BUT JULIAN--NEVER CONTENT TO JUST REST ON HIS LAURELS--DECIDED THAT BEATING BACK THE OVERLANDERS WASN'T ENOUGH. HE DESIRED NOW TO REMODEL THE FACE OF MOBIUS. IT WOULD TAKE AN ARTIFICIAL ARMY..."

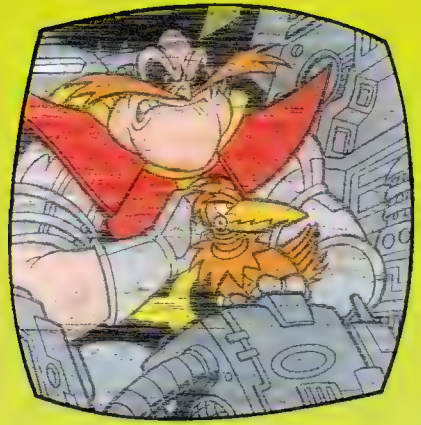


"...AND THE SABOTAGE OF SIR CHARLES HEDGEHOG'S ROBOTICIZER, ANEWLY-INVENTED DEVICE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HELP CURE THE WOUNDED."

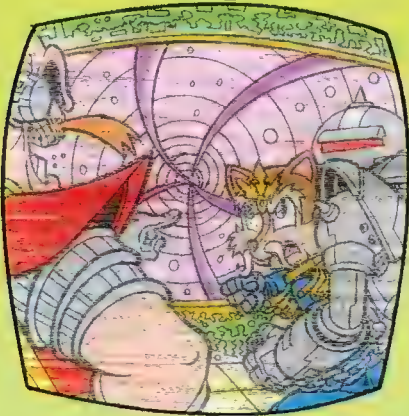




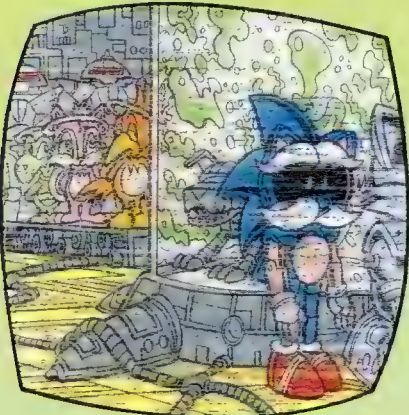
"AND SO, IT WAS ON THAT MORNING MORE THAN A DECADE AGO, A MASSIVE, METAL FLAGSHIP APPEARED OVER THE MOBOTROPOLIS SKYLINE, FOREVER ALTERING IT. AND WHO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS NEW INDUSTRIAL AGE? WAS IT JULIAN KINTOBOR? NO-- IT WAS...



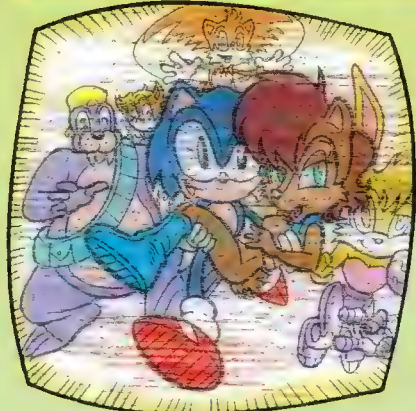
"... DOCTOR ROBOTNIK--THE GREATEST SCIENTIFIC MIND OF ALL TIME!



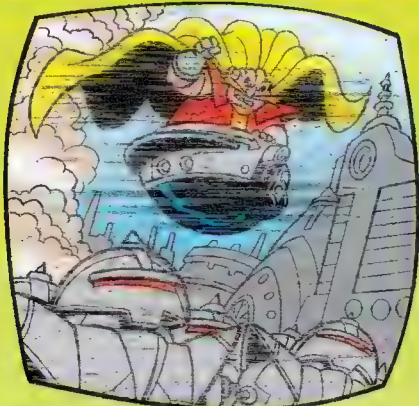
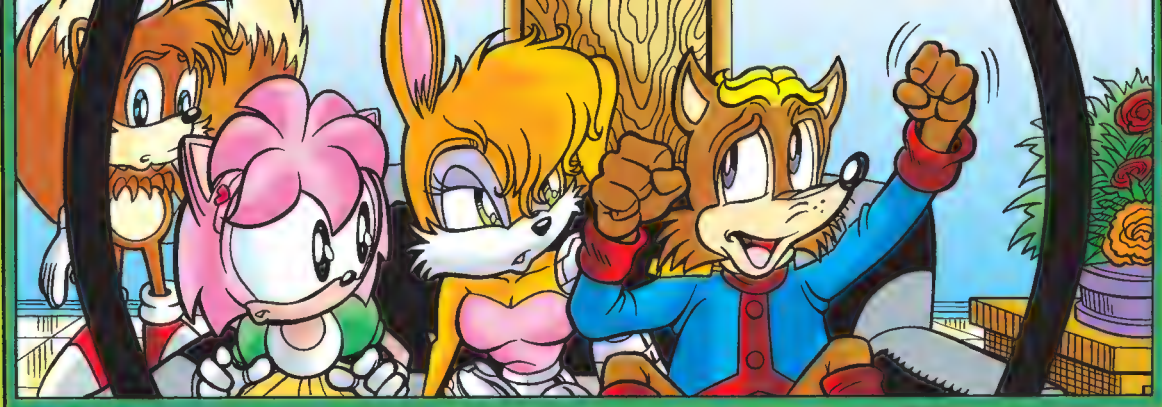
"BUT THERE WERE THE IGNORANT FEW WHO ADHERED TO THE WAYS OF TRADITION AND OPPOSED ROBOTNIK'S REFORMS-- THEY WERE DEALT WITH...



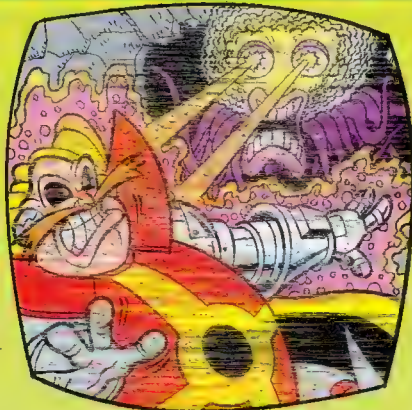
"...WHILE THE OTHER MOBIANS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE NEW JOBS THAT THE GOOD DOCTOR HAD CREATED AND WILLINGLY VOLUNTEERED THEMSELVES TO UNDERGO THE CHANGES NEEDED TO WORK IN HIS POSH FACTORIES.



"AS IF BEING ABSOLUTE RULER OF AN ENTIRE WORLD WASN'T DIFFICULT ENOUGH, THERE WERE ALSO UPSTART REBEL GROUPS TO CONTEND WITH-- NOTABLY, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS RABBLE ROUSERS!"

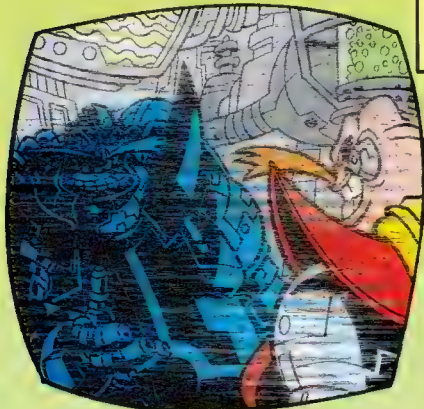


"AFTER TAKING A HOMETOWN TRIP TO THE OVERLANDER CITY OF MEGAPOLIS, ROBOTNIK WAS SHOCKED TO FIND THE LOCATION ENTIRELY DESERTED, TOO BAD-- HE HAD BROUGHT THEM A SURPRISE.

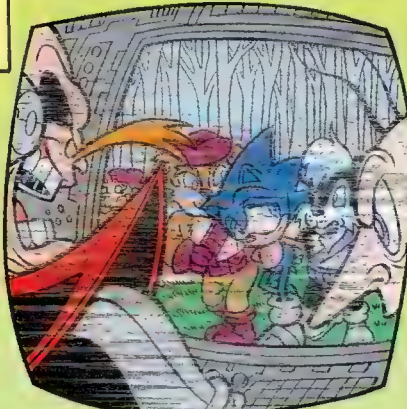


"SOME TIME LATER, IN ONE OF HIS MANY EFFORTS TO END THE MENACE THAT IS SONIC, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WAS SEEMINGLY VAPORIZED BY HIS OWN CREATION -- THE SYNTHETIC* BEING KNOWN AS E.V.E.!**

*Created by man.
**In the classic
Ish # 21- JFG

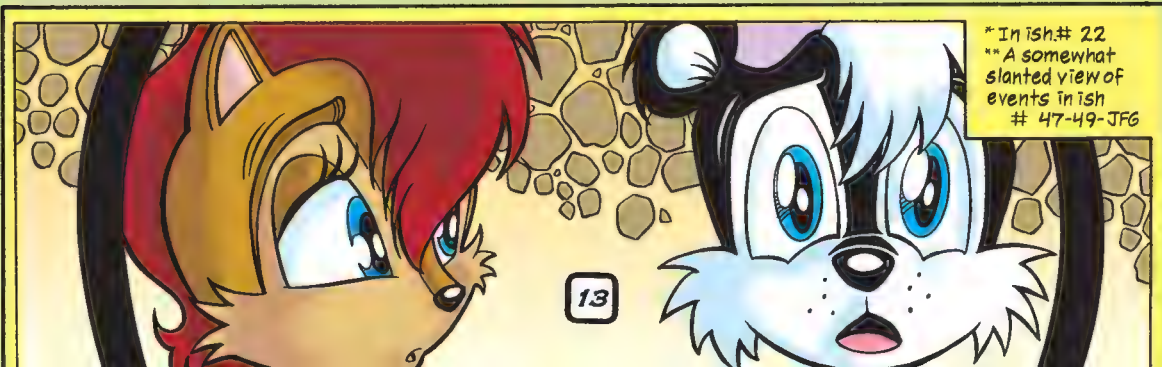


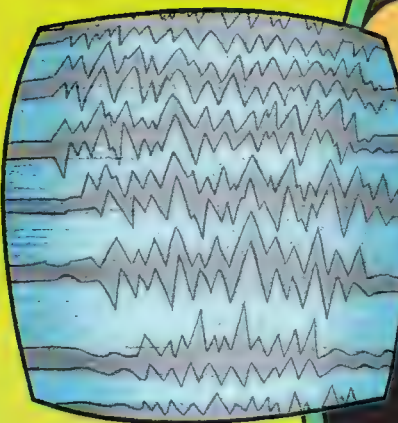
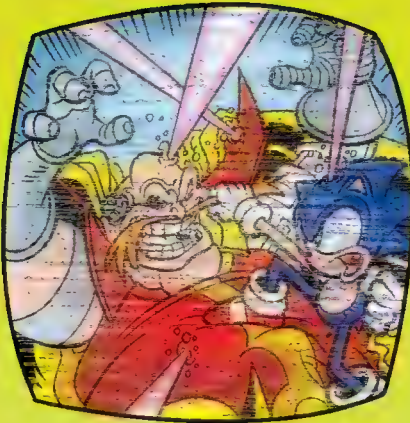
"BUT INSTEAD OF TRAVELING TO THE AFTERLIFE, HE FOUND HIMSELF STRANDED IN AN ALTERNATE FUTURE WHERE HE WOULD HAVE REMAINED, HAD HE NOT MET HIS COUNTERPART IN THAT REALITY-- THE MECHANIZED ROBO-ROBOTNIK!*



"NOW JUST IMAGINE IF THE ALL-GREAT, ALL-POWERFUL ROBO-ROBOTNIK HADN'T RETURNED JULIAN TO ROBOTROPOLIS. HE WOULD NEVER HAVE SEEN HIS ENEMY PUNISHED FOR THE ALLEGED MURDER OF SALLY ACORN.**

*In ish.# 22
** A somewhat slanted view of events in ish # 47-49- JFG

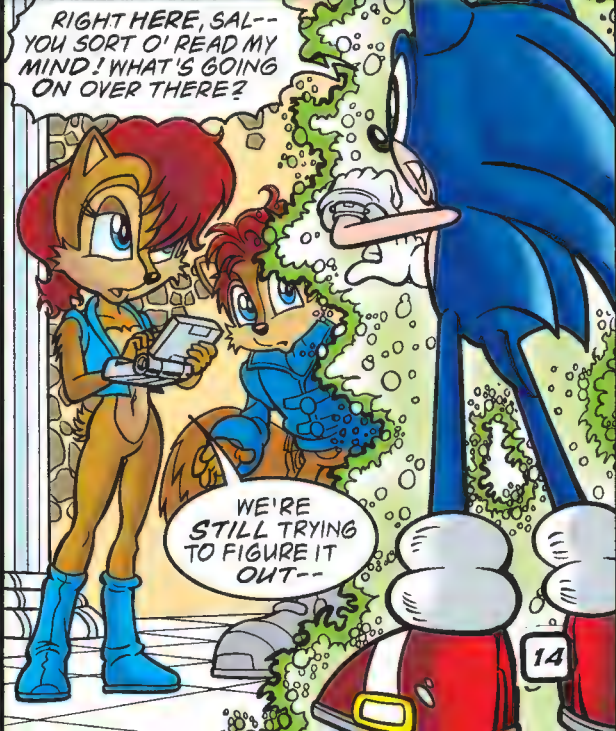
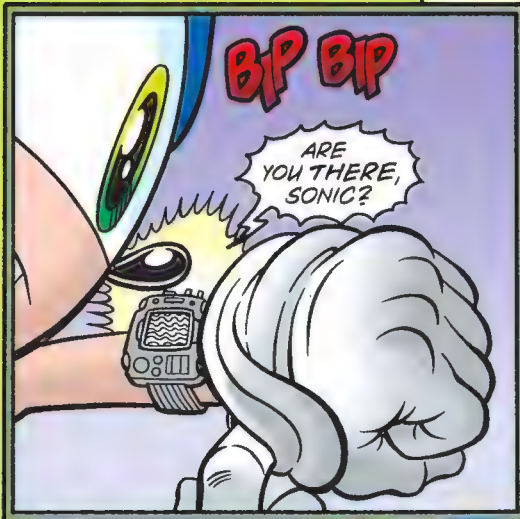




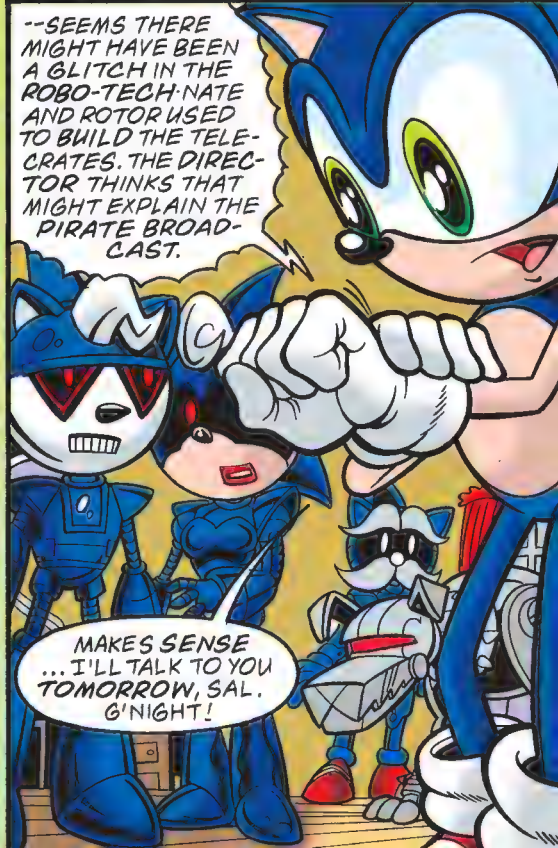
"BUT AS IS TRUE WITH SO MANY HISTORIC FIGURES, THE GOOD DOCTOR SACRIFICED HIS OWN LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF HIS PLANET-- PROTECTING HER FROM EVIL!* THIS HAS BEEN A SERVICE OF K-BOT-- THANK YOU AND GOOD NIGHT!"

*One way of looking at the conclusion to SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6.-JFG

NO WAY THIS IS WHAT SALLY'S DAD WANTED TO TELL US! I'D BETTER--



WE'RE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT--

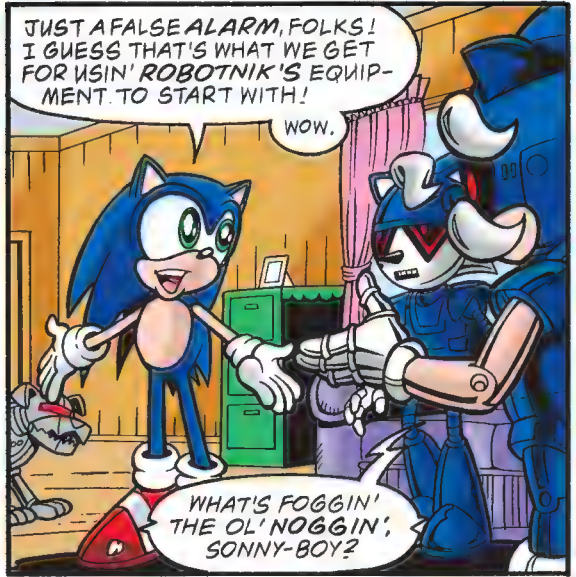


MAKES SENSE ... I'LL TALK TO YOU TOMORROW, SAL. G'NIGHT!



SON...?

ANYWORD ON WHAT HAPPENED WITH TONIGHT'S BROADCAST?



JUST A FALSE ALARM, FOLKS! I GUESS THAT'S WHAT WE GET FOR USIN' ROBOTNIK'S EQUIP-
MENT TO START WITH!

WOW.

WHAT'S FOGGIN' THE OL' NOGGIN', SONNY-BOY?



OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, I'VE BEEN THINKIN' TO MYSELF THAT IT'S KIND O' LAME NOT BEIN' A FREE-
DOM FIGHTER ANYMORE--
--ESPECIALLY WHEN SAL TOLD ME THAT WE'D HAVE TO START SCHOOL AGAIN...

...BUT NOW, I'M ACTUALLY GLAD THERE'S PEACE. IN OTHER WORDS--

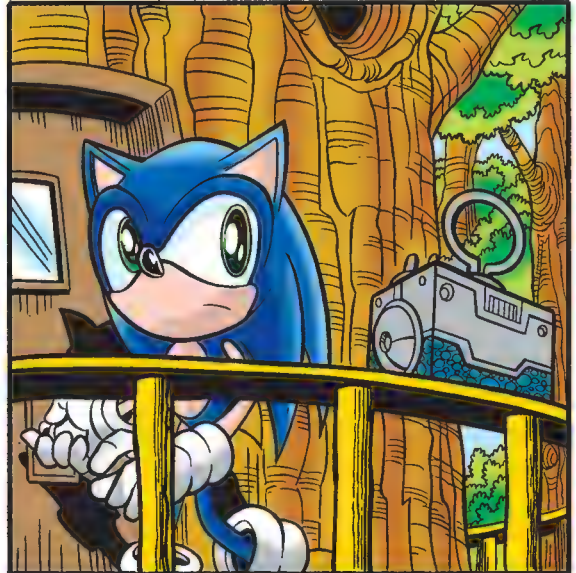


-- I GUESS I GOT SO USED TO BEIN' ROBOT-
NIK'S ENEMY THAT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY I FORGOT HOW TO BE YOUR
SON.

THAT IS LIKE, WAY PAST OVER.



WAY PAST, SON... WAY PAST.



AND SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY FROM KNOTHOLE...

WELL, WELL, WELL, SNIVELY... IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT THE DENIZENS IN THE KINGDOM OF ACORN DID NOT--

--UNDENIABLE EVIDENCE THAT IT WAS YOUR TREACHERY THAT CAUSED YOUR UNCLE'S UNFORTUNATE DEMISE. FOR THAT, I BRAND YOU... A TRAITOR!

NO--NOT YOU?!

SEE YOU IN THIRTY DAYS!

TALES OF THE GREAT WAR

PART ONE

"SINCE THE TIME OF ALEXANDER, MOBIANS LIVED IN RELATIVE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY.

"OF ALL WHO DWELLED IN THE LANDS SURROUNDING THE KINGDOM, THE MOST MYSTERIOUS WERE THE OVERLANDERS.

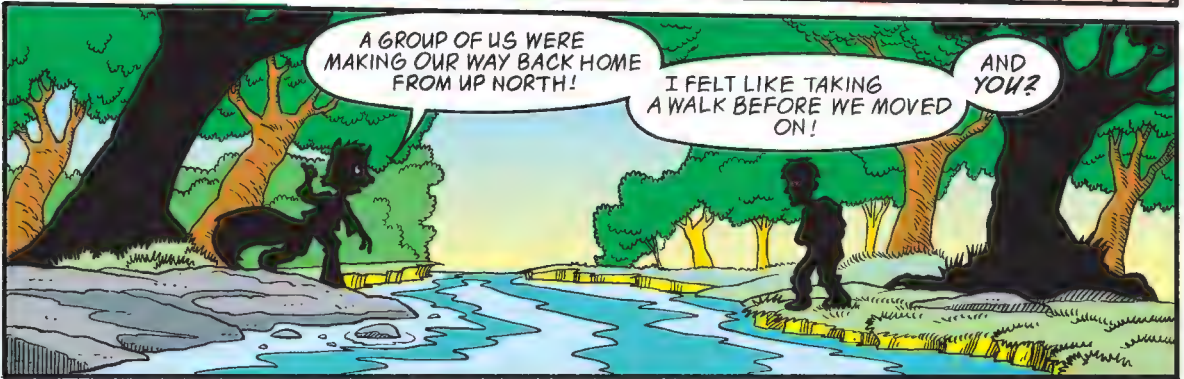
"CONTACT WITH THEM WAS FEW AND FAR BETWEEN, AND QUITE BENIGN, UNTIL ONE FATEFUL DAY, WHEN PRINCE EMERSON STOOD FACING A YOUNG OVERLANDER BOY ACROSS ROUNDABOUT CREEK...

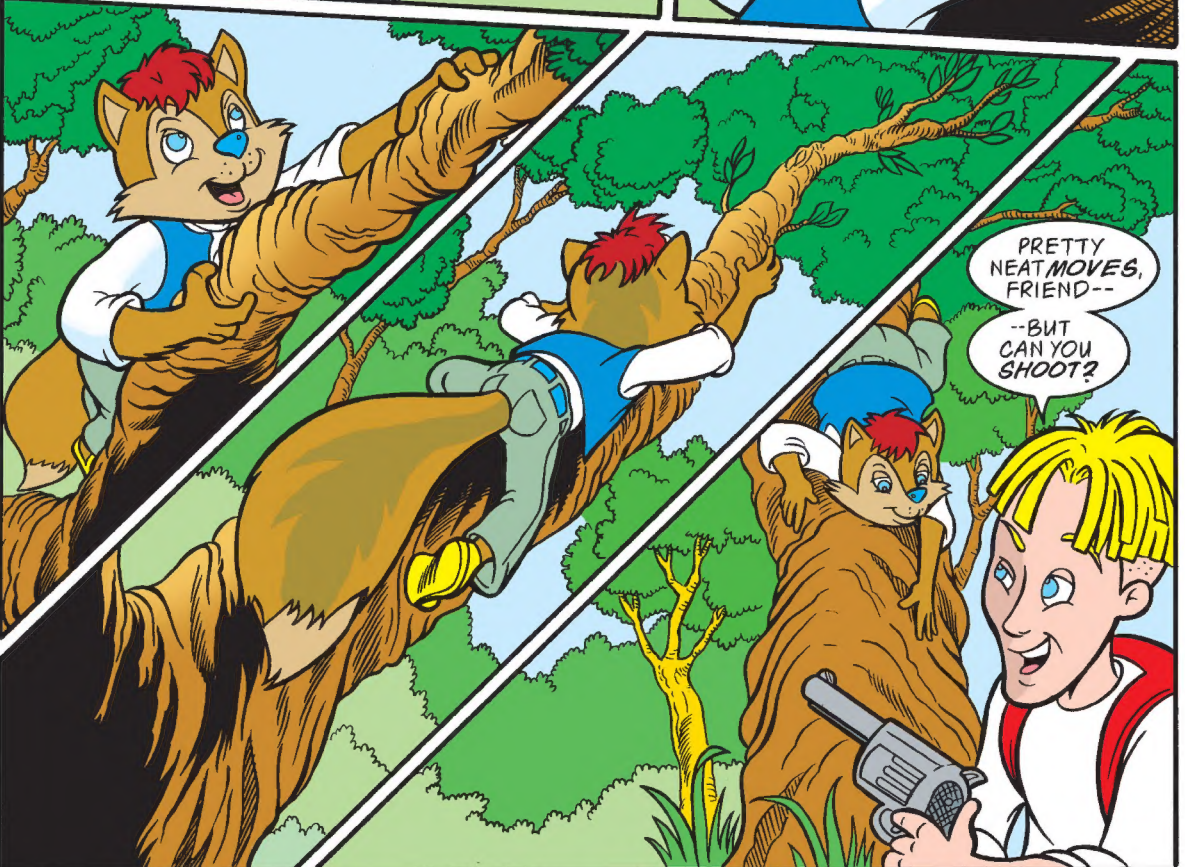
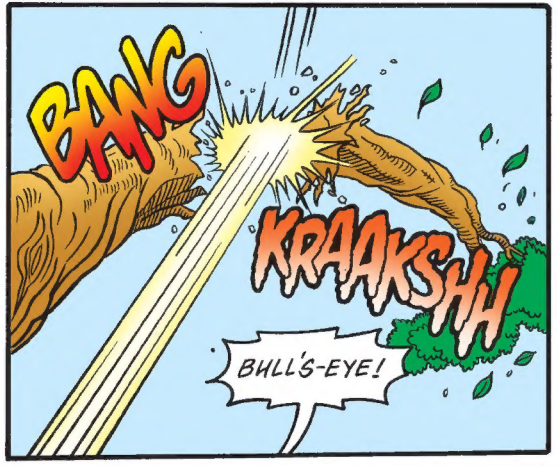
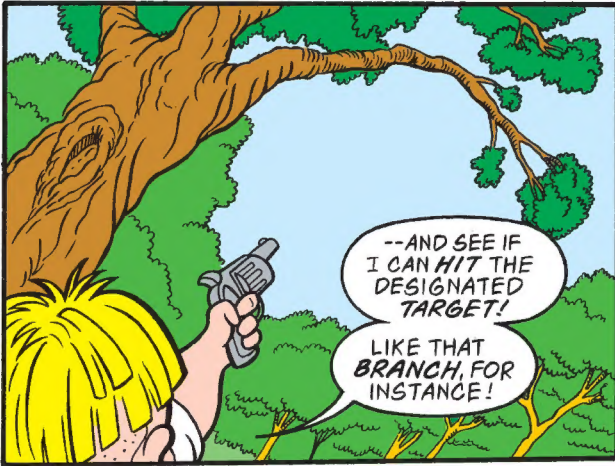
HELLO!

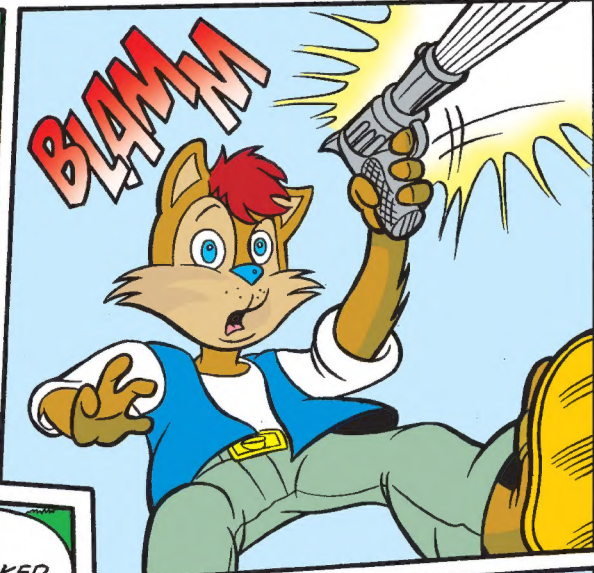
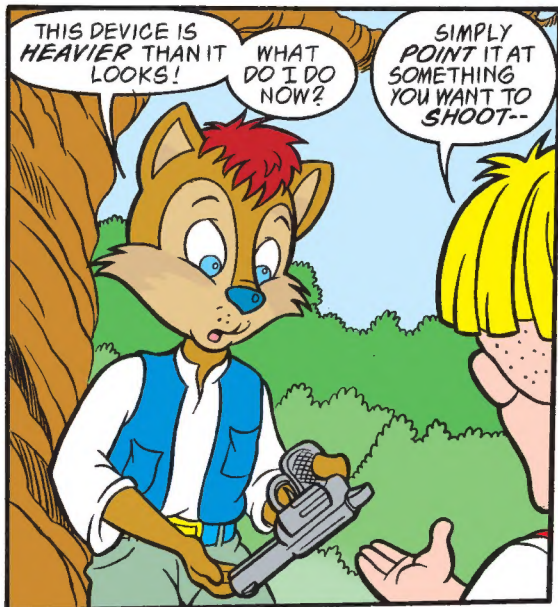
WHO ARE YOU?

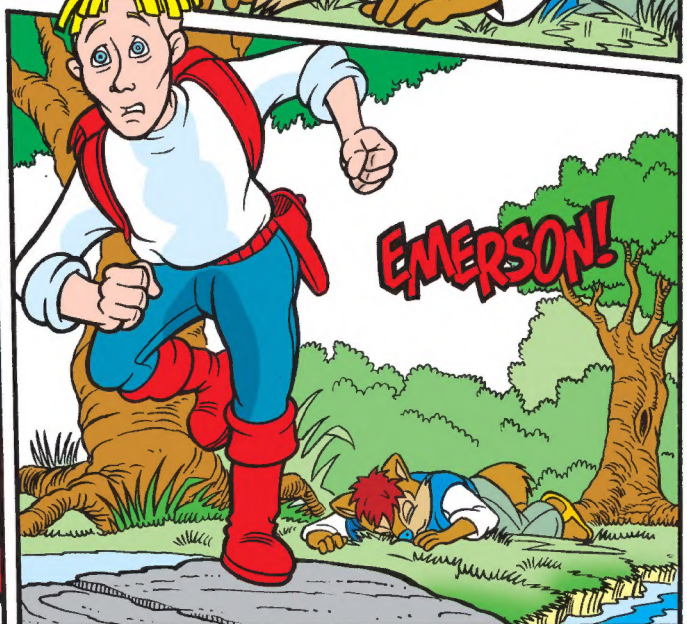
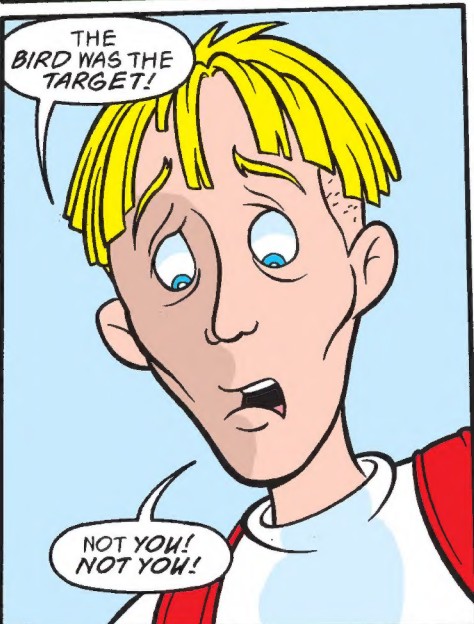
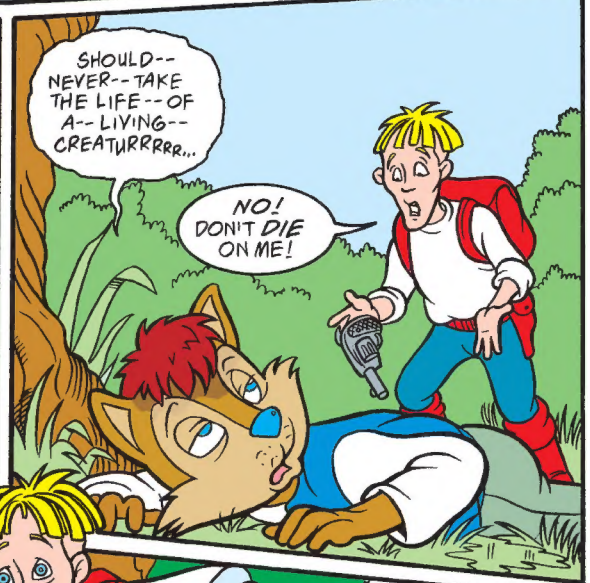
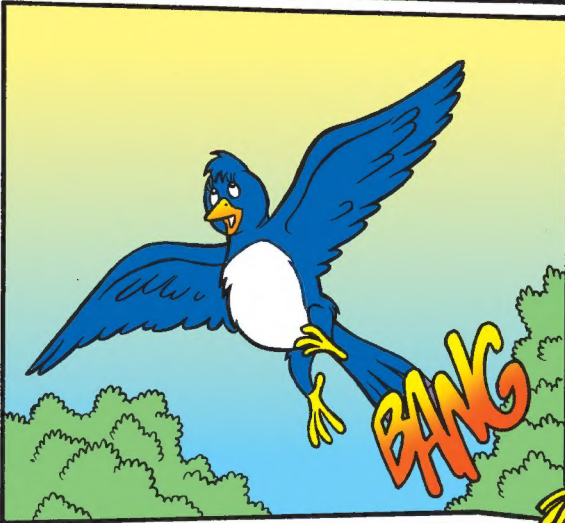
KEN PENDERS	WRITER
ART MAWHINNY	PENCILER
JIM AMASH	INKER
BARRY GROSSMAN	COLORIST
JEFF POWELL	LETTERER
J.F. GABRIE	EDITOR

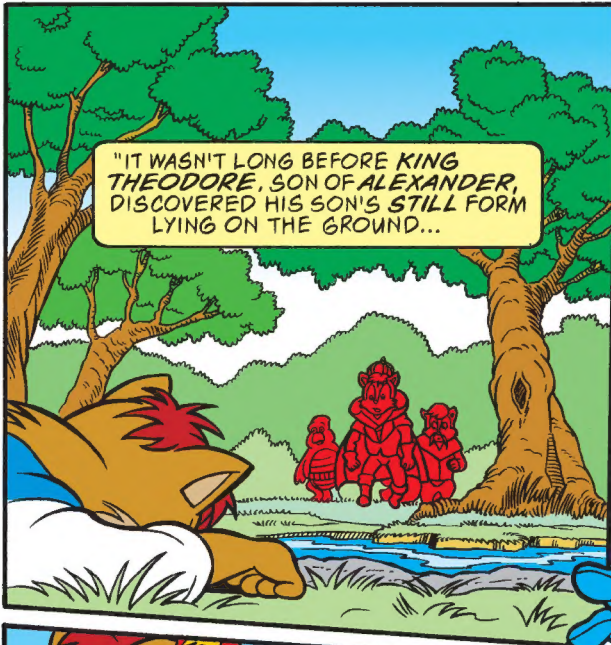
THE SHOT HEARD
ROUND
THE WORLD!







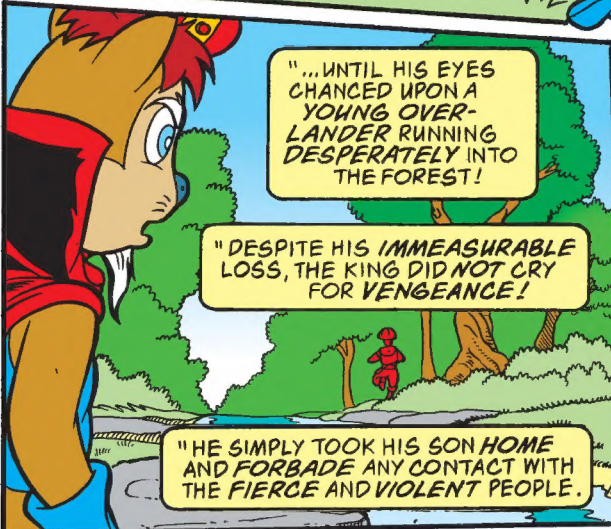




"IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE KING THEODORE, SON OF ALEXANDER, DISCOVERED HIS SON'S STILL FORM LYING ON THE GROUND..."



"AT FIRST, HE WAS UNABLE TO UTTER EVEN THE SLIGHTEST OF SOUNDS, SO HORRIFIED WAS HE AT THE SHATTERING SIGHT..."



"...UNTIL HIS EYES CHANCED UPON A YOUNG OVER-LANDER RUNNING DESPERATELY INTO THE FOREST!"

"DESPITE HIS IMMEASURABLE LOSS, THE KING DID NOT CRY FOR VENGEANCE!"

"HE SIMPLY TOOK HIS SON HOME AND FORBADE ANY CONTACT WITH THE FIERCE AND VIOLENT PEOPLE."



"THAT IS WHY WE, AS A PEOPLE, AVOID THE USE OF GUN-LIKE WEAPONS."



UNKNOWN TO THE KING, HIS POLICY WOULD RESULT IN AN EVEN GREATER MISUNDERSTANDING, LEADING TO DECADES OF WAR!

HOW AWFUL, TAILS!

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE READY FOR MORE, DEAR READERS?

IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO START A FIGHT!

TRYING TO STOP ONE CAN LEAD TO CATASTROPHE!

READ ALL ABOUT IT IN...

THE ROAD TO DARKNESS